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Note verbale dated 22 August 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mali to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, in its capacity as Chair of the Human Security Network, has the honour to transmit herewith, for issuance as a document of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, a statement by the Human Security Network on the attacks against the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad on 19 August 2003 (see annex).

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Malian Chair of the Human Security Network

Statement of the Human Security Network on the attacks against the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad on 19 August 2003

The members of the Human Security Network, Austria, Canada, Chile, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Norway, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland, Thailand and South Africa, strongly condemn the terrorist attacks committed on 19 August 2003 against the United Nations headquarters in Iraq.

The thirteen member countries of the Network, which work together to promote human security, are particularly appalled by those brutal acts, which killed the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq, Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, and a number of his colleagues, and injured many others.

In such painful circumstances, the Network expresses its deep pain and sends its sincere condolences to the Secretary-General and the victims' families. The Network wishes the injured a quick recovery.

The Network avails itself of this opportunity to express its concern about the increasing number of attacks against the personnel of the international organizations in the conflict areas, particularly humanitarian personnel.

The members of the Network, who are committed to the search for human security, declare their firm determination to work to support international efforts aimed at eradicating the sources of human insecurity and to address its consequences.

New York, 20 August 2003